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Do Do	Forwarding Correspondence with Govt relative to commission on Salt Revenue No. [illegible]
Do Do	Transmitting an account of the Sale of Cardamoms forwarded by him and the Sub Treasurer's receipt for the amount
	Transmitting [illegible]

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List of Retainable papers for 18

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Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
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28/11	"	Secy to the Board of Revenue	Transmitting copy of a [illegible] to the Collr in Tanjore and of a Pattah proposed to be issu[ed] to the Cultivators of a villag[e] in Tanjore recently [illegible] in money on the Ryotwar [illegible] and desiring to Submit [illegible] applicable to this District

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9th March Desiring that it be generally promulgated that several persons convicted before the Criminal Court of Masulipatam of affixing false Chops to Cloths &c are sentenced to suffer a suitable punishment 5

16th .. Do. Furnishing Colonel Munro's instructions respecting the issue of Tuccavey and the Means of preventing Abuses 7

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16th .. Do. Announcing the enactment of Regulations imposing a heavy duty on Salt and Opium 16

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Revenue Department

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To the Collector in
Madura & Dindigul

Sir,

Para: 1 — I am directed by the President and Members of the Board of Revenue to transmit for your consideration and report the accompanying copy of a letter and an enclosure from the Secretary to Government in the Revenue Department respecting the consequences liable to result from the entire Cessation of the Honorable Company's Investment at the Factory of Ramnad.

2 — You will give your particular attention to the points on which the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is desirous

of receiving information, and you will offer such suggestions as may appear to you calculated to prove useful on the occasion.

3. You will furnish such information as you may be able to procure on the present state of the private trade in Cloth Cotton Wool and Indigo in the Province under your charge and on the prospect, if any exist of the extension of the private trade in those articles whether by European or Native Merchants.

4. As the revenue under the charge must severely feel the loss of the money usually circulated for the provision of the Company's Investment and as that loss can only be supplied (unless the public investment is continued) by affording reasonable encouragement to the trade of individuals

your

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your sentiments on this subject are particu-
-larly requested.

I am
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,

...n St. George,
...6th February 1818.

Despd. 6 March 1818.

J. W. Russell
Deputy Secretary.

Compd. W.S.

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To the President and Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a letter which has been addressed to the Board of Trade in consequence of the orders of the Honorable the Court of Directors for an entire cessation of the usual investments at the factories of Salem and Ramnad. You will take into consideration how far there may be reason to suppose that the prosperity of those districts will be affected by the circumstance, and you will offer

such

such suggestions as may appear to you

calculated to prove useful on the occasion

Fort St. George

17th. February 1818.

I have the honor to

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servt.

(Signed) D. Hill

Secretary to Govt.

To the President and Members of

Board of Trade

Gentlemen,

The Right Honorable the

Governor in Council has been led to

advert to the consequences liable to

from the entire cessation of the Hon

Company's investment at the factories

Salem and of Ramnad, and is desirous

of receiving information on the s

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These consequences fall under two heads, namely such as affect the livelihood of the manufacturers and such as affect the prosperity of the district. You will report what number of spinners and weavers will lose the employment by which they have hitherto earned their bread, in what proportion it may be expected that private or foreign adventurers will take up the trade relinquished by the Company, and what suggestions you have to offer for the relief of those spinners and weavers who will still be left without employ. A reference will be made to the Board of Revenue for information as to the degree in which

there

there may be reason to suppose that the prosperity of the district will be affected

Fort St. George
17th February 1818.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient servant
(signed) David Hill
Secretary to Government

(A true copy)
(signed) D. Hill
Secretary to Govt.

(True copies)
[illegible]
Depy. Secy.

Compd. [illegible]

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To the Collector in Dindigul and Madura.

Sir

Para 1. Frequent instances have occurred of late years of Collectors sending to the Board their Estimate of Advances required in aid of the Cultivation of their Districts at so late a period of the year that if the advances have not been issued without waiting for Sanction they must prove when issued in a great degree useless.

2 I am directed to call your particular attention to the Suggestions respecting

respecting the issue of Tuccavy and the means of preventing abuses contained in the accompanying copy of a letter addressed by Colonel Munro when Principal Collector in the Ceded Districts to the Subordinate Collectors under his authority and to desire that your Estimates of Tuccavy may be submitted sufficiently early to be sanctioned in time to render the advances really useful

3 You will observe that Colonel Munro did not allow advances to be made to persons owing balances because there is danger that the Tuccavy money would be recollected (as has been too frequently the case) in

payment

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payment of the revenue whether the cul-
-tivator is compelled to sell his plough
cattle and Seed grain in liquidation of his
balance and advances of money are made
to him to replace them or whether advances
are made to him before the sale of these ar-
-ticles and recollected in revenue the re-
-sult is nearly the same. The duty
of a Collector is to prevent the col-
-lection of the revenue to so injurious
an extent. Before advances of mo-
-ney are made to Cultivators owing
balances of Current Revenue it
will of course be proper to ascer-
-tain that the balance is not realized

beyond

beyond the means of the Cultivators

and that the Tuccavy is duly appro-

-priated.

I am

Sir

Your most obedt. Servant

J. W. Mitchell

Deputy Secretary

Fort St. George
15. March 1814
Despd. 25 Do. — Do.

Compd. WH.

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Anantapoor 16th June 1801

To the Collectors of the

Ceded Districts

Gentlemen,

1 Though I wished to avoid making any advances for Cultivation until the whole of the Revenue of the Current Year should have been realized - yet as a rigid adherence to this intention might occasion their being withheld until the sowing season in which they are chiefly beneficial was past I think it necessary to authorize an immediate issue under certain restrictions.

2 The first point to be considered is the amount of the Sum to be advanced and

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the mode that most readily occurs as the most likely to ascertain it, is to direct the Amildars to send in Estimates of the Sums required for their respective Districts - These Estimates might in some few instances assist us in forming our judgment of the average amount - but they are seldom entitled to much confidence for some Amildars from indolence or ignorance call for a great deal more than is wanted - and others do the same either with a view to turn some of the money for a time to their own use - or by exaggerating the distress of their district to recommend themselves by displaying their skill in keeping up its Revenue - On these accounts it would answer little purpose to wait for information from them - and I have therefore

resol-

resolved to adopt 4 p^r. Cent. of the Gross settlement of the Current Year as the Standard for granting Tuckawi. By the Gross settlement I mean the sum total of Land Rent before deducting the Collections under the Nizam Government. No district is in any instance to receive a greater proportion than 4 p^r. Cen though some may receive less when it does not appear that the Rayets stand in need of so much.—

5. One half of the Tuckawi may be immediately transmitted to the Amildars for distribution and the other half next month or earlier if your Current Years balances shall have been recovered but no Amildar must either now or hereafter give Tuckawi to any Village on which there is a balance. It is a favourite

practice

practice among Amildars to grant those Rayets who cannot pay their Rents an advance equal to the deficiency - to carry it to account as Tuckawi - and to receive it from them again in the same instant as arrears of Current Rent. The reasons assigned for this are that it saves the Rayets from the loss which they would sustain by selling their Cattle at an under rate and the Sirkar from the diminution in the next years Revenue which would have happened from their losing with their Cattle the only means of Cultivating their lands and that by Keeping their Cattle and seeing the debt of Tuckawi hanging over them, they are stimulated to make extraordinary exertions to clear themselves the ensuing Year - notwithstanding these

argume

arguments I suspect that the custom is attended with more harm than advantage for it often tempts the Rayets to be improvident in the hope of getting another loan next year and the amildar to be remiss in his collections by the facility of making them up by Tuckawi and it encourages the introduction of a loose system by carrying on from year to year as Tuckawi that which in effect is outstanding and most probably an irrecoverable balance — when Rayets are unable to pay their Rents I think it is better to remit them than to make a fictitious recovery by the intervention of Tuckawi

4 The purposes for which Tuckawi are advanced are various — the purchase of seed, of the implements of husbandry of

Bullocks

Bullocks — for the repair of old or the digging of new wells and not unfrequently for the mere subsistence of the Rayet till his Grain is ready for cutting — The amildar must proportion his advances according to the particular wants of the Rayets giving to one man two, to another twenty, and to a third fifty Rupees but never exceeding this last sum without an express order from you — he must likewise consider the rent of the Rayet and not give the same sum to him who pays only five Pagodas as to him who pays twenty — Seed — Subsistence — and the want of one Bullock are the most usual motives for soliciting Tuckavi and the most common issues therefore are of sums from five to twenty Rupees.

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5 All advances for Tuckawee must be made in the presence of the Tahsildar and of Witnesses The money must be paid into the hands of the Rayet who demands it — a receipt must be taken from him by making him sign his name in the Register opposite to the sum — or touch the pen before his name is entered — he must produce a reputable Rayet as his Mal Zamin or money security who must also sign the Receipt — The money must be made repayable in two equal Kists — one in February and the other in March next — The Potail or one of the Partners who rent the Village is usually the Surety on these occasions but any Rayet of a good Character will answer equally well — The Amildar should publish that any — Rayet who is in need of Tuckawe and ha

a Surety may repair with him to the Cut-
cherry without waiting for the Potail or
Culkurnee and he should not be very scru-
pulous about the ability of the Surety to
make good the money in case of the
Ryots failure for as no man becomes
security for another without a promise
of some advantage either by receiving a
part of the Tuckavee or a portion of the crop,
or a certain number of days of gratuitous labour
by increasing the difficulty of finding security
we raise the price of it, and thus defeat the
purpose for which Tuckavee is intended the
relief of the Ryot — There is besides very
little danger of his absconding and while
he remains in the Country we can always
make him refund to the extent of his
means which in general is as much as

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we have a right to require - and is a sufficien[t]
punishment even if the failure should ha[ve]
happened not from misfortune but from
neglige[nce]

6 Each Amildar after finishing
his advances must transmit a Kistwar
or individual Statement shewing the Sum
paid to each Ryot to your Cutcherry -
The use of this Statement is to enable you
to discover and prevent a repetition of the
numerous abuses to which Tuckavi is so
liable - The Amildars and Sheristadars ofte[n]
apply a part to their own use and enter
the amount as disbursements to certain
Ryots - The Potails and Curnums who
appear at the Cutcherry as Sureties for a
body of Ryots often get the whole of the
Tuckavi from them the moment they give

the presence of the Tahsildar as had been previously concerted - because they brought them to him merely as a deception to obtain a sum of money for themselves - but they do not always stop here - they sometimes call the money so obtained a loan which they are to pay when convenient - and when the Tuckavie becomes due they exact it from the Ryots in whose names it was originally disbursed - and when the truth is discovered they are themselves very likely unable to refund from having already expended the whole on a Marriage or in payment of some pressing Creditors - By having the Kulwar Statement you are enabled by examining such Ryots as come to your Cutcherry - and questioning others on the Spot when you go to their Villages

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to satisfy yourself whether or not the Tuckawi has been actually appropriated as reported.

7 In the months of February and March when the Tuckawi is to be recovered the receipts from the Ryots must in the first instance be carried to that head and whatever over may to that of Land Rent so that the whole of the Balance that may be outstanding shall be Land Rent only and not part of it Land Rent and part Tuckawi which is a practice often followed though it answers no purpose but to multiply and perplex accounts without necessity a Balance both of Tuckawi and Land Rent should only appear against a Ryot when the whole of the Collection from him in February or March

is not equal to his Tuckavi Kist but this will scarcely ever happen unless he has got more Tuckavi than he pays Rent which can hardly ever be necessary. The Receipts from the Ryot ought when a distinction is made to be called Tuckavi rather than Land Rent because it is probable that the produce of his Land is more than it would have been without Tuckavi we are not even certain that without it he could have cultivated or paid any Rent at all. If he fails after having got an advance he would have failed still more had he got none and it is therefore fair to consider the Balance against him as Land Rent

8 To obviate any doubts that may arise regarding the Sum to be advanced

I shall specify the Total for each Division leaving it to you to regulate the proportion to your different Districts

To the Harponhilly Division Star Pag.s	6000
Adwanie	3200
Cuddapah	4000
Cumbum	3000
Sum	

Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant

(Signed) Thos. Munro
Collr.

(A true Copy)

(Signed) Thos. Munro
Collr.

(A true Copy)

Wm. [illegible]

Deputy Secretary

Compd.
W Gr

17 Revenue Department

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To the Collector in Madura &

Dindigul

Sir,

I am directed by the President and Members of the Board of Revenue to transmit for your information the

Para. 10. enclosed Extract from a despatch from England under date the 3d September 1817, respecting advances for cultivation

Fort St. George
23d April 1818
Desp.d 2d May Do.

I am
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

W D [illegible]
Secretary

[illegible]

Extract from a General letter from England in the Revenue Department Dated 3d September 1817.

Para 10 The Collectors ought on such occasions to be specially instructed & personally to superintend the distribution of Tuccavy, as Mr Peter very properly announced his intention of doing in Madura and Dindigul, and to see that it is not intercepted by the Renters & but applied to the use of the Cultivators it being in this way only that due effect can be given to the purposes of the Grants. The Collectors ought also to take

take particular care that the sums advanced as Tuccavy are not repaid in liquidation of arrears of Revenue instead of being appropriated to the Cultivation of the current year"

(A true Extract)

H. Chamier

Jr. Dy. Secretary

Compd. [illegible]

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Revenue Department

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To the Collector in Dindigul and Madura

Sir,

I am directed by the President and Members of the Board of Revenue to transmit to you the accompanying account of the sale of the Cardamoms alluded to in your letters under dates the 19th September and 23d October of 1817 and 7th February of 1818, and to enclose the Sub Treasurer's receipt for the amount thereof, Star Pagodas 7,044 f. 16 c. 20 or Rupees 24,655-4-7½ (R. A. P.)

Nos. 7 on the letter from Messrs. Ashton & Co. 7th May 1818.

I am

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

J. W. Russell

Acting Secretary

Fort St. George

28th May 1818

Despd. 3 June

Comp'd. W.

Account Sale of Cardamums sold at Auction by Ashton and Smith on Account of the Honorable Company by order of the Board of Revenue 28th March 1818.

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5 Maunds of Cardamums		6 1/8 P°	Mr G. Lys	30	28 1[illegible]
5	D°	D°	6 [illegible] P°	Ditto	30	"
5	D°	D°	6 [illegible] P°	Mr D. Pugh	30	"
5	D°	D°	6 1/4 P°	Mr Lys	31	11 2[illegible]
20	D°	D°	6 1/2 P°	Mr Pugh	130	"
20	D°	D°	6 1/2 P°	Mr Lys	130	"
20	D°	D°	6 1/2 P°	Mr Pugh	130	"
20	D°	D°	6 1/4 P°	Mr Lys	125	"
20	D°	D°	6 1/2 P°	Mr Pugh	130	"
20	D°	D°	6 1/2 P°	Ditto	130	"
20	D°	D°	6 1/2 P°	Mr Lys	130	"
20	D°	D°	6 1/2 P°	Mr Pugh	130	"
20	D°	D°	6 1/4 P°	Mr Lys	125	"
20	D°	D°	6 1/4 P°	Mr Pugh	125	"
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20	D°	D°	6 1/4 P°	Mr Pugh	125	"
20	D°	D°	6 1/4 P°	Mr Lys	125	[illegible]
50	D°	D°	5 1/2 P°	Mr Pugh	275	"
50	D°	D°	5 3/4 P°	Mr Lys	28[illegible]	12 4
5	D°	D°	5 5/8 P°	Sashachellum	28	5 [illegible]
20	D°	D°	5 3/8 P°	Mr Pugh	107	[illegible]
20	D°	D°	5 1/2 P°	Verdapah	[illegible]	"
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20	Maunds of Cardamums	@ 5 3/8	Ps	Mr Lys	107 22 40
20	Do	Do 5 1/2	Ps	Mr Pugh	110 " "
20	Do	Do 5 5/8	Ps	Mr Lys	112 22 40
20	Do	Do 5 5/8	Ps	Mr Pugh	112 22 40
20	Do	Do 5 5/8	Ps	Mr Lys	112 22 40
20	Do	Do 5 1/2	Ps	Mr Pugh	110 " "
20	Do	Do 5 1/2	Ps	Mr Lys	110 " "
20	Do	Do 5 1/2	Ps	Mr Pugh	110 " "
20	Do	Do 5 1/2	Ps	Mr Lys	110 " "
20	Do	Do 5 3/4	Ps	Mr Pugh	115 " "
20	Do	Do 5 3/4	Ps	Mr Lys	115 " "
20	Do	Do 5 5/8	Ps	Mr Pugh	112 22 40
20	Do	Do 5 5/8	Ps	Mr Lys	112 22 40
20	Do	Do 5 3/4	Ps	Mr Pugh	115 " "
40	Do	Do 5 7/8	Ps	Mr Lys	235 " "
17	Do 11 lb	Do 5 3/4	Ps	Verdapah	100 12 50
20	Do	Do 5 1/2	Ps	Mr Pugh	110 " "
20	Do	Do 5 5/8	Ps	Mr Lys	112 22 40
16	Do 13 lb	Do 5 1/2	Ps	C. Kistnamah	90 38 40
20	Do	Do 5 1/2	Ps	Mr Pugh	110 " "
20	Do	Do 5 1/2	Ps	Mr Pugh	110 " "
20	Do	Do 5 1/2	Ps	Mr Pugh	110 " "
20	Do	Do 5 5/8	Ps	Mr Lys	112 22 40
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20	Do	Do 5 5/8	Ps	Mr Lys	112 22 40
20	Do	Do 5 3/4	Ps	Mr Pugh	115 " "

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20	Maunds of Cardamums	@	5 1/2	Ps	Mr Lys	110 " "
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20	Do	Do	5 7/8	Ps	Mr Lys	117 22 40
20	Do	Do	5 3/4	Ps	Mr Pugh	115 " "
20	Do	Do	5 3/4	Ps	Mr Lys	115 " "
20	Do	Do	5 3/4	Ps	Mr Pugh	115 " "
20	Do	Do	5 3/4	Ps	Mr Lys	115 " "
20	Do	Do	5 3/4	Ps	Mr Pugh	115 " "
20	Do	Do	5 3/4	Ps	Mr Lys	115 " "
20	Do	Do	5 7/8	Ps	Mr Pugh	117 [illegible]
20	Do	Do	5 3/4	Ps	Mr Lys	[illegible]
20	Do	Do	5 7/8	Ps	Mr Pugh	117 22 40
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20	Do	Do	5 7/8	Ps	Mr Pugh	117 22 40
21	Do and 2 lb	Do	6	Ps	Mr Lys	126 21 50
15	Do	Do	6	Ps	Mr Pugh	90 " "
20	Do	Do	5 3/4	Ps	Mr Lys	115 " "
20	Do	Do	5 1/2	Ps	Mr Pugh	110 " "
20	Do	Do	5 1/2	Ps	Mr Lys	110 " "
20	Do	Do	5 1/2	Ps	Mr Pugh	110
1475 & 1 lb						

Without Husk

5	Do and 5 lb	Do	4 1/8	Ps	Candapah	13 9 "
7	Do and 17 lb	Do	3 1/4	Ps	G. Kistnaiah	24 43 15
3	Do and 7 lb	Do	4	Ps	Candapah	13 0 30
20	Do and 6 lb	Do	3 3/4	Ps	C. Kistnaiah	75 10 40
30	Do and 24 lb	Do	3 3/4	Ps	Verdapah	114 38 20
38 and 9						

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Less		
Commission @ 5 ℔ Cent	435 ,, 10 ,, 35	
Advertisement in the Government Gazette 19th March	8 ,, 18 ,,	
Ditto Advertiser 19th 24th 26th and 28th March	10 ,, 24 ,,	
Do Courier 24th Do	12 ,, ,,	
Do Circulator 27th Do	1 ,, 9 ,,	
Do Madras Gazette 21st 25th and 28th March	11 ,, 27 ,,	
Government Gazette 400 Hand bills English Tamil and Gentoo	7 ,, 5 ,,	
Cash paid Cooly hire for attending and working	1 ,, 35 ,,	
Cash paid Government Land Custom House Duty and fees as per bill	1172 ,, 19 ,, 30	
		1660 ,, 12 ,, 15
Nett Proceeds St Pag^s		7044 ,, 16 ,, 20

Madras
28th March 1818

(Signed) Ashton and Smith
Auctioneers

Hanora

Honorable Company ——— D[r]

To 357 Bags of Cardamum Containing		C[ds] [illegible] 88 — 16 . 4 . 20
	Madras Valuation @ 200 P[s] ₽ Candy ——— 13705 . 28 . 10	
To 10 D[o] of D[o] Seeds Containing		1 . 10 . 1 . 20
	Madras Valuation @ 50 P[s] ₽ Candy ——— 108 . 25 . 25	
		13814 . 3 . 3[illegible]
Land Custom House 17th March 1818	Duty @ 10 ₽ Cent	1381 . 12 . 70
	Deduct the inland Duty allowed as draw back as entered in the Rawannah	284 . 10 . 1[illegible]
	Remaining	1103 . 2 . 5[illegible]
	Collector's fees @ 5 ₽ Cent	69 . 16 . 5[illegible]
	Total Pag[s]	1172 . 19 . 3[illegible]

(Signed) J. Lane
Dep[ty] Coll[r]

(True Copies)

[illegible] Coll[r]

Comp[d] W[illegible]

Revenue Department

To the Collector in Dindigul and Madura

Sir,

Para. 1. I am directed by the President and Members of the Board of Revenue to [illegible] for your consideration and report the accompanying Petition from one [illegible]

2. The Petition bears the endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government and refers to certain orders stated to have been issued to you directing an investigation of the Petitioner's claim but, the Board on reference to their records have not been able to discover that any correspondence has taken place with

with you on the subject.

3 You are requested to state whether the Petitioner's case has ever been referred for your report, and if so, what has been the result of your inquiries respecting her claims.

4 The Petitioner on being questioned as to the period of examination alleged to have been made by the Tasildar under your orders states that it took place about four years ago.

I am
Sir,
Your most obedient Servt.
W D Campbell
Secretary

Fort St. George
6th August 1818.

Desp.d 10 Do.

Comp.d
W.G.

To the Right Honorable Hugh Elliot
President & Governor in Council of Fort St. George

The Humble Address of
Coppammah the surviving
Daughter of Achappa Noik
the late Merassy Inhabitant
of Nadyanary Village in the
Talook of Nadoova Mandalam
subjected to the Zillah of Tinnevelly

I beg leave to state that from time immemorial my Ancestors continued to enjoy certain Merasses or Maniyams in the abovementioned Village of Nadyanary and also in four Villages, namely, Cottanary, Coomatancolum, Yoresanuttom & Senconlum, in the Division of Tennangola &ca within the Jurisdiction of Madura.

I beg leave to state further that my abovenamed father Achappa Noik, whilst his living, appointed one Soobbaya Noik to manage his business after his death, directing him to support me and other part of the family; so the said Soobbaya Noik continued to do for the space of 20 years but the

the Inhabitants of the said Village being envious & ill disposed dismissed my said father's Gomastah Soobbaya Naik & assumed to themselves our said Merasses or Monyams contrary to the Agreements which they had granted to my Ancestors—

I beg leave to state further that I having complained of the above Injustice to the Board of Revenue, they were pleased to refer it to the decision of the Collector of Madura who order the Taseldar to examine into my Case but he being partial with the Inhabitants, listened to the false Evidence of their Witnesses but not having heard my Witnesses or the Evidence of my supporter Soobbaya Naik, made a decision in their favor which I complained to the Collector who ordered me to send for my Witnesses but the Adverse Party having deceitfully prevented them from appearing before the Collector at the appointed time & consequently the said Collector declared that he would not enquire into my Complaint because I did not produce my Witnesses at the fixed time—

Therefore, being poor & helpless & being also crowded with Children &c. I most humbly intreat your Honors will be pleased to behold me with a merciful eye & issue an order to the Collector of Madura directing him to extend enquiry to my Case & grant me Redress according to the dictates of Equity, for which purpose I prefer'd 2. Petitions

to your Honors, the one on the [illegible] March & the other in May last, for it is near 7 Months since I have been arrived here & I am suffering much distress for want of food & raiment, yet I am ashamed to return to my Country and see the faces of my Relations & Adversaries, unless I should have an Order from your Honor to the Collector of Madura that he may peruse all my Vouchers & examine my Witnesses and then grant me redress as above requested, or otherwise, if your Honors should not please to do so, I must die of hunger in your Honors Garden, leaving my helpless Children to your Mercy as well as to that of God — Wherefore Deign to give a speedy Redress as afore requested —

And your Honor Most humble Address as in Duty bound

Madras
July 1818

Shall ever Pray

Received 28 Aug 1818
[illegible]

Revenue will issue
such further directions
on the subject of this
~~[illegible]~~ Petition as
will ensure the
fulfilment of the
intention of their
former order to the
Collector of Madura.

By Order
G Strachey
Chief Secy

28. July 1818.

Revenue department

To the Collector in Dindigul and Madura

Sir,

Para 1. I am directed by the President and Members of the Board of Revenue to transmit to you for your information and for your guidance the accompanying Extract from the Board's Proceedings under date the 14th Instant, on the subject of the restoration of the Maunioms and Marahs of the Village communities resumed under the Ryotwar plan of assessment as heretofore conducted.

The

2 The Board expect those to whom the orders for restoring Maaniums and Marahs apply to p[illegible] early and particular attention to the instructions contained in the proceedings for preparing a Register of all Village Maaniums.

I am

Fort St. George — Sir,

17th September 1818 — Your most obedient Servant

Desp.d 28 D

W D [illegible]
Secretary

Comp.d W.G.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue under date 14th September 1818.

"Read again the following letters.

Here Enter.

Para 1. The Honorable the Court of Directors in the 156 para of their letter of the 12th of April 1815 having observed that they entirely concurred in the opinion expressed by the Revenue Board in the expediency of restoring to the cultivators and officers of each village the maniams or rent-free lands and fees in kind heretofore held by them and having

directed

directed that measures should be forthwith taken to restore these ancient privileges the Board on the 28th October 1816 circulated to all Collectors extracts from their proceedings of the 14th of that month — These Proceedings contained an extract from instructions by the Governor in Council to the Board of Revenue dated 21st June 1800 in which Government observed "we have considered

"the observations of the Collector (of

"Dindigul) on the restoration of the

"Village Sibbundy and entirely concur

"in the expediency of that measure"

but it was added "we doubt the pro-

-priety of depriving these Officers of

"their hereditary privileges by substitut-

-ing the payment of wages in money in

lieu

"lieu of the distinctions and property
"annexed to the performance of their
"respective duties - By recurring to the
"institutions of the ancient Government
"we expect to conciliate the affections
"of the people and at the same time to
"secure a better foundation for the
"proper discharge of these duties in the
"interests and attachment of the Officers
"themselves. —

2 The Board have arranged
as accompaniments to their proceedings
the information obtained in reply to the
15 Questions circulated on the 28th October
1816 - It appears from these replies that the
resumption of Maniams and Merahs of
the

the Cultivators and village establishments has taken place in the following districts only.

Northern Division of Arcot including the small Talook of Sutavaid.

Southern Division of Arcot

Two Estates in the Jageer (Zilla Chinglepet) into which the Ryotwar plan of assessment was introduced in 1802/03.

Coimbatore Northern and Southern Divisions

Salem the Barramahl and Balaghaut.

Dindigul.

3. It appears desirable here to introduce Mr. Ellis' observations of the misuse of the word Enâm as applied to village Maunians - That Gentleman observes

observes that "the word used in these pro-
"ceedings to describe the thing to which
"they relate, however, supported by no
"authority, is utterly inapplicable and
"erroneous. The Grama Manyums are
"not Enâms and so to misnomer them is to
"convey an idea of their nature so
"altogether false and to mislead all
"not professionally and intimately ac-
"acquainted with the subject. The word
"Enâm, as is well known, means a gift
"and has come, in revenue language,
"to be applied to those minor alienations
"of land, not amounting to Jagirs,
"which, during the latter times of our
"Mahommedan rule, were distributed
"with so liberal a hand by all persons
"in

"in power, whether legally authorized,
"or not to make them. The Grámá's
"Manyams, however, are neither gifts
"nor alienations, they have constituted
"a separate property, held from time
"immemorial by the present owners
"and distinct altogether from every
"source of public revenue, with which
"Government are not, nor ever were
"entitled to interfere, further than,
"where by the common law, that is
"common custom, the tenure implies
"an obligation to perform services, (which
"is not the case in all) either to the
"state in general, or the township in
"particular, to enforce by the ordinary
"process the obligations of the law."

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4\. The resumption of the village Mauniams was a principle acted on first by Colonel Read in the Province of Salem and originated in a desire to exhibit in a figured statement in money the whole receipts and disbursements of a Village – It was afterwards adopted by other Collectors of that school as a necessary part of the Ryotwar plan of assessment and appears to have also been a rule of Tippoo Sultans[(a)] but altho' Colonel Munro then a Lieutenant was an assistant under Colonel Read, it appears that he did not resume the Mauniams of the cultivators (Potails and Rheddies) of the Ceded Districts nor of the village establishment altho' he increased

(a) All lands under the denomination of Inaum (excepting the Dostaum and the lands of Bramins) and all lands under the denomination of Kutcodakee, Mauniums, Meerkunthee, Iosee, Bhutmuntee, Ioatee, Taullemeaf &c. appertaining to the villages, shall be brought under the measurement and shall be included in the Jumma, and the Inaum lands which are to be continued to the Proprietors shall be written off against the Jumma in the accounts whoever is under engagement to perform service such service shall be exacted from him. – See Vol. I. British India analyzed page 19 and Tippoo Sultans Revenue Regulations –

increased and diminished in several instances the extent of the Village Maumams in those Provinces - It also appears that Mr. Travers granted Maumams to the Cultivators (Pedda Caupoos and Rheddies) of Nellore but resumed the Maumams and Marahs of the Curnums. It also appears further that Mr. Garrow in South Arcot and Mr. Cockburn in North Arcot on introducing the Ryotwar plan of assessment resumed the Maumams and Marahs of the Cultivators and village establishment and that Mr. Ravenshaw and Mr. Graeme continued the resumptions; Mr. Graeme on a recent report observes "It must be

"be admitted that it has only been by
"the Company's Government that a resumption
"has been made of the Manniam land and
"the privileges in kind from the <u>mere notion</u>
"<u>of expediency</u> - The resumption of the lands
"and privileges in these districts took
64 "place in Fusly 1213 under the sanction
"of Government on the recommendation
"of my Predecessor Mr Cockburn -

"This I am inclined to believe
"to have been a measure of unnecessary
"hardship, particularly as the supposed
"equivalent in ready money which
"was established, is by no means —
"equal to the produce of the Manniam
"lands and Sosuntrums which they
"formerly enjoyed - It has too much
undermined

"undermined their hereditary attachment,
"and lessened the interest which they
"had in increasing the produce of the
"Village. It has besides rendered
"it too easy under a revenue adminis-
"tration which does not sufficiently
respect ancient rights and customs.
"to admit strangers to the head of the
"Villages by the intrigues of Revenue
"Servants. I therefore recommend that
"their former Maunium lands and
"Sosuntrums be restored whatever or
"system of general management may
"prevail hereafter for these Districts."

5. In Disregard the orders of Government of the 21st June 1800 pre-vented the resumption of Village

Mauniams

Maunians and it is to be hoped that no resumption of them was made in Madura
The resumption in North Coimbatore was made by Colonel Macleod in introducing the Ryotwar plan of assessment but as South Coimbatore was under Mr Hurdis to whom the orders of Government of the 21st June 1800 were in particular addressed it appears that waste land was assigned in fusly 1212 A.D. 1802/03 in lieu of the arable land held by the Maunandars agreeably to a practice established by Tippoo Sultaun and the same process took place in North Coimbatore in fusly 1222 A.D. 1812/13 with respect to the village Establishment but not to the Cultivators-
In Coimbatore therefore the whole

arrangement

arrangement requires to be reformed and the village Maumams to be placed on their ancient footing as they lawfully existed previously to the cession of the Province. In the Jageer and in the villages around Madras forming original a part of the Jageer no Maumams or Marahs were resumed except as stated above, in the two estates surveyed and assessed with the Ryotwar plan. Mr. Ellis alluding to these resumptions observes "where such interference has in recent "times taken place however pure the "motive and however expedient the "measure as regards Government it is "felt by the people strongly attached "as they are to the rights conferred by the possession

"possession of landed property as the severest
"infliction of exaggerated authority."—

6. On the whole it may be stated in the words of the Collector of Coimbatore that it does not appear "that "the assumption was made upon any "direct authority from Government or the "Board of Revenue or that it has received "more than a tacit approval since". It remains therefore only for the Board to carry into effect the wishes of the Hon'ble Court of Directors and as the expiration of the decennial Village lease will afford a favorable opportunity for carrying the measure of restitution into effect, it is resolved that an extract from these proceedings be furnished to all Collectors

and

and that those Collectors in whose district village leases still exist be directed to take measures for the restoration of all Maunyams and Marahs held by cultivators, Curnums and other persons appertaining to the village community as well as such as are held on account of the religious establishments of the village causing a Register corresponding with the Sarapadi accounts of all such Maunyams to be prepared to be deposited as a record in the Huzzoor Cutcherry in order to secure the holder of these Maunyams from future vexation. The preparation of the Register should be commenced immediately and the Board expect that it will be ready previously to the expiration of the

remaining

remaining term of the decennial lease.

7 The Ryotwar plan of assessment having been reverted to in Coimbatore, the Collector of that Province and the Collector of Chingleput with reference to the Ryotwar villages of the Estates of Madranticum and Conjeveram will use their endeavours to restore the resumed Maunicams and Marahs during the Current Fusly. The same orders will apply to Dindigul (and to Madura if necessary) both Provinces being now under the Ryotwar plan of assessment.

8 The Collectors will restore all the endowments in land belonging to the religious establishments in each village where the land is in the same village. But separate orders will be issued hereafter

hereafter relating to the endowment in land to large Pagodas now resumed.—

When it is considered that it is scarcely twenty years and in no case more than 25 years since these resumptions took place the Board trust that little difficulty can exist in tracing and reassigning to the parties concerned the actual land heretofore held in Maunium tenure by the village community and establishment and the Board are satisfied that the performance of this act of justice will render the discharge of the duty as agreeable to Collectors as it will be acceptable to the people who no doubt will duly appreciate the benefit thus conferred on them and receive with gratitude the

boon

See correspondence between Colonel Read Supt. of the Barramahal and Mr Place accountant to the Board of Revenue in the years 1793 and 1794 on this subject in Revenue Consultation 5th January 1795

"The accountant's remarks upon the subject of the charges for District Sibbendy appear evidently to have been founded in misconception, they were included in the settlement made with the Ryots, and did bring a similar increase to the Gross Jumma"

boon that restores them to rights they so highly value and of which they have been so long deprived by a too strict adherence to rules framed so long ago as 1794 for the introduction of a Ryotwar plan of assessment in Provinces above the Ghats where these rights either did not exist or had not been respected.—(b) (c)

10 The Particular attention of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council and of the Court of Directors is requested to the answers of Mr. Graeme and of Mr. Ellis—the former Gentleman has taken great pains to describe the measures which have been adopted in his District and the latter to explain the nature of the property and rights inherent

(b) 6. Lands which have been cultivated for a length of time by the Shambogues, shall be resumed, and be delivered over to the Ryots to cultivate and if such Shambogues shall [illegible] in lieu of their wages, land which is lying waste shall be given to them, if they do not ask for land they shall receive their wages in money according to the established rate.—

(c) §3. The Deostaun lands are all to be resumed throughout your district, and after ascertaining to what Temples they formerly appertained, you shall re-annex them, and allot them in the Summadainy of those Temples.—

Page 5 & 37 Vol. 1 British India analyzed Tippoo Sultan's Revenue Regulations.—

inherent in Village Maunians? —

(A true Extract)

A. D. Campbell

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To the Collector in Madura and
Dindigul

Sir,

I am directed by the President and Members of the Board of Revenue to transmit to you the accompanying account of the sale of the Cardamoms referred to in your letter of the 22d April last, and to enclose the Sub-Treasurer's Receipt for the amount thereof being Star Pagodas 4931. 11. 55 or Rupees 17259. 6 –

A in the letter Inspr. Ashton to 23 Septr 1818.

I am
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
W. D[illegible]
Secretary

Fort St George
22d October 1818
Despd 23 Do.

Compd [illegible]

...count Sale of Cardamums, the Produce of the ...igul Hills, sold by Public Auction by Ashton Smith, by order of the President & Members of the Board of Revenue, on the 6 August 1818.

Maunds	Cardamums	Mr. Roagers @ 6 Pag.s	60	"	"
"	Ditto	" Ditto @ 6 Pag.s	60	"	"
"	Ditto	" Ditto @ 6 Pag.s	100	"	"
"	Ditto	" Ditto @ 6 1/8 Pag.s	61	11	2[0]
"	Ditto	" Vansomeren @ 6 Ps	60	"	"
"	Ditto	" Ditto @ 6 1/8 Ps	61	11	2[0]
"	Ditto	" Roagers @ 6 Pag.s	120	"	"
"	Ditto	" Vansomeren @ 6 Pag.s	120	"	"
"	Ditto	" Ditto @ 5 3/4 Pag.s	115	"	"
"	Ditto	" Ditto @ 5 7/8 Pag.s	117	22	40
"	Ditto	" Roagers @ 5 3/4 Pag.s	115	"	"
"	Ditto	" Ditto @ 5 3/4 Pag.s	115	"	"
"	Ditto	C. Kistnaimah @ 5 3/4 Pag.s	115	"	"
"	Ditto	Mr. Vansomeren @ 5 7/8 Ps	117	22	40
"	Ditto	" Roagers @ 5 3/4 Pag.s	115	"	"
"	Ditto	" Vansomeren @ 5 7/8 Ps	352	22	40
"	Ditto	" Ditto @ 5 7/8 Pag.s	117	22	40
"	Ditto	" Roagers @ 5 3/4 Pag.s	345	"	"
"	Ditto	" Vansomeren @ 5 3/4 Ps	115	"	"
"	Ditto	" Kistnaimah Chy @ 5 3/4 Ps	115	"	"
			2577	22	40

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To 20 Maunds	Cardamums	Mr Vansomeren ⓐ 5 3/4 Pags	115. " "
60 "	Ditto	" Rougers ⓐ 5 1/2 Pags	330. " "
60 "	Ditto	" Vansomeren ⓐ 5 5/8 Pags	337. 22. 40.
40 "	Ditto	Mr G. Lys ⓐ 5 1/2 Pags	220. " "
20 "	Ditto	" Rougers ⓐ 5 1/2 Pags	110. " "
60 "	Ditto	Veerasawmy Chy 5 1/2 Pags	330. " "
20 "	Ditto	Coopoo Chitty ⓐ 5 5/8 Pags	112. 22. 40
40 "	Ditto	Mr Vansomeren ⓐ 5 5/8 Pags	225. " "
20 "	Ditto	" Ditto ⓐ 5 7/8 Pags	117. 22. 40
40 "	Ditto	" Ditto ⓐ 5 7/8 Pags	235. " "
40 "	Ditto	" Ditto ⓐ 5 7/8 Pags	235. " "
20 "	Ditto	Juggernaut Moo ⓐ 5 5/8 Pags	112. 22. 40
40 "	Ditto	Veerasawmy Chy 5 1/2 Pags	220. " "
10 "	Ditto	Ditto ⓐ 5 5/8 Pags	56. 11. 20.
8 " 14 lb	Ditto	Mr Rougers ⓐ 6 1/8 Pags	52. 19. 20.
935. 14 or 195 Bags			
	Without Husk		
1 Bag & 1 Parcel 5 Mds 18 lb	Cardamum Seeds	Coopoo Chitty ⓐ 3 7/8 Pags	22. 6. 40.
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Brought over S Pag.s ——— 5,424. 33. [illegible]

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Advertising in the Madras Gazette 22 lines 1st Aug.t	4. 18. "
" in Advertiser 1st 25 lines	1. 30. "
" Ditto 4th 29. "	1. 42. "
" Ditto 6th 29. "	1. 42. "
" Gov.t Gazette 6th 22 "	4. 18. "
" Circulator 7th 30. "	2. " "
" Advertiser 8th 29. "	1. 42. "
200 Hand Bills	2. 22. 40.
Custom House Duty	189. 36. 20.
Doney Manifest Fees	" 20. "
Boat Watching and Watching Peon at the Custom House	" 32. "
Master Attendant's Bill	3. 33. 60.
Cart Hire to the Godowns from the Beach	1. 35. "
Weighing Coolies Custom House	3. 40. "
" Coolies when delivered	1. 15.
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Madras 8th September 1818

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Errors Excepted

(Signed) Ashton & Smith
Auctioneers

Comp.d W.G.n

(True Copy)

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Dep.y Secretary

Revenue Department

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To The Collector in

Madura and Dindigul

Sir,

Para 1st I am directed by the President and Members of the Board of Revenue to transmit to you the enclosed Copy of a dispatch recently received by Government from the Honorable Court of Directors; and to furnish you with the enclosed forms of Statements, &c according to which the Board desire that you will afford the information called for respecting the permanent Settlement, at as early a period as may

rec.t ... April 1818

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be practicable — with any explanatory remarks or observations that may suggest themselves to you —

2 You will fill up the Columns in Pagodas fanams and Cash to save the time and trouble which it would take to convert the sums into rupees —

3 Should you not clearly comprehend any of the Statements, you will apply for explanation and information — and the Board request that these Statements may be prepared with care under your occasional inspection, the Board would regret the necessity of having to return any of the Statements for Correction —

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4. The Board will effect to receive these documents on or before the 1st May next.

Fort St. George
19th Novr. 1818
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I am
Sir,
Your most obt. Servant

W. Campbell
Secretary

Compd.
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Our Governor in Council at

Fort St. George

Para 1 We direct that a State-
-ment be prepared and transmitted
exhibiting the following particulars.-
A list of the names of
Estates for which a permanent settle-
-ment has been concluded in the differ-
-ent Districts subject to your Government.
A list of the names of
those individuals with whom a perma-
-nent settlement on Zemindary tenure
was concluded, together with the dates

of the settlements, distinguishing the cases in which the settlements were made with Zemindars already in possession, from those in which they came into possession by purchase at the periods of the settlements and specifying in both descriptions of cases, the amount of Summa which the Zemindars respectively engaged to pay, and, in the latter description of cases, the amount of the purchase money.-

A list of the permanently settled Estates which have been disposed of subsequently to the settlement, distinguishing whether they have been so disposed of in whole or in part and

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once or oftener, on account of Government for Arrears of Revenue specifying the amount as well of arrear as of the purchase money at each sale, together with the proportions which the outstanding balance and the purchase money bore respectively to the Summa of the Estate or portion of the Estate sold, and the names and professions, as far as they can be ascertained, of the purchasers at the different and successive sales.

A List of the names of the present possessors of the permanently settled Estates, distinguishing between such as were in possession or the lineal decendants of such as were in possession

of

of them at the period of the perma-
-nent settlement, and those who have
subsequently come into possession, whether
in consequence of private transfers, or
public sales on account of arrears of
Revenue.

A list of permanently
settled Estates which have been exposed
to sale and for which no purchasers
have been found, with the period at
which they were so exposed, together with
the Summa originally assessed and
actually paid by such Estates.-

A list of permanently
settled Estates which are now under
Aumanee in the hands of the Agents
of

of Government, specifying the Summa
of such Estates and the periods of time
during which they have been under
Aumanee management.

An account of outstand-
-ing Balances due from Estates which
have been permanently settled distin-
-guishing between such as are deemed
recoverable and such as have either
been written off the public accounts,
or are supposed to be irrecoverable
and distinguishing also between such por-
-tions of those arrears as have accumulate
under Zemindary and Aumanee manage
-ment respectively.

2 The Statement required ma[illegible]
be

be accompanied with any explanatory &
remarks that you may think it expedient
to offer..

London
the 22nd April 1818

We are
Your loving friends,

(Signed) Jas. Pattison
C. Marjoribanks
Jacob Bosanquet
Joseph Cotton
Willm. Astell
John Inglis
G. Raikes
S. Toone
John Jackson
T. Daniel
T. Reid
J. Thornhill
John Bebb

(True Copy)

H. Chamier
Secretary

Compd
W. G.

To The Collector in

Madura & Dindigul

Sir,

Para 1. I am directed by the President and Members of the Board of Revenue to transmit to you for your consideration the accompanying form of a Puttah proposed to be issued to the cultivators in the Village of Mannellore in the Province of Tanjore recently assessed in money on the Ryotwar plan.

2 I am also directed to enclose for your information a

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No 2 Copy of a Letter addressed to the Collector of Tanjore on the Subject of the Pottah in which you will observe that the Board do not consider the necessary interference of the Revenue Officers in regulating the Village charges after an assessment in money has been fixed on the Land and the demand on the Ryot for public revenue, has been defined by a Pottah -

3. Should you consider any additional clauses to be necessary to render the Pottah better adapted to the situation of the Cultivators in your District you will submit a draft of such additional clauses or of such alterations in the draft

now

now sent as you may consider

necessary—

Fort St George
26th Novr 1818
Despt 9 Dec

I am

Sir,

Your most obt Servant

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Dy Secretary

Compd [illegible]

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Revenue Department

To the Collector in Tanjore

Sir,

Para. 1. I am directed by the President and Members of the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 23rd September last, transmitting the draft of a pottah proposed to be issued to those Cultivators who have assented to the Teerwa assessed by you in the village of Manelloor in commutation of their Warum.

2. The Board do not at present

and in the instance of Manelloor object to the mode of assessment adopted by you as explained in para 2d of your letter but it is obvious to remark that an assessment in money on a Kuttai containing several fields cultivated by different persons is in fact but a subdivision of a Village rent and becomes a joint and separate rent, a portion of the land of the village, unless the extent of the demand in money on each individual cultivating a portion of the Kuttai is clearly defin in the Pottah. It is a money rent, it is true, but not a Koolivar or individual ryotwar rent. The Collector of Trichinopoly appears to have assessed each

field

yield on each Kuttay in the Wet land village selected by him for the introduction experimentally of Ryotwar Teerwas and in communication with him the Board are desirous that you should recon= sider your proposition to fix the assess= ment in money on Kuttays only.

3. The Board have deemed it expedient to alter the draft of the pottah submitted by you.

4. The Board are desirous that if practicable the rates of Swatuntrum should be certified by you in the manner proposed in the amended draft.

5. The Board are also desirous that a certified Zabitah of the Teerwas fixed on the land should be lodged with the

the Curnum of each village and that a duplicate copy also certified should be deposited in the Cutcherry of the Collector.

6 The Board consider it inexpedient where Courts of Justice are established in each Village, District and Zilla that any interference should take place on the part of the revenue Officers in the Assessment, Collection or distribution of the Village charges. The sums collected on this account are or ought to be voluntary contributions made by the people from their own funds and those funds should be administered by the Contributors without any other control than such as the Court will afford. - The interference of the Native

Revenue

Revenue Officers would only increase the
means of abuse and extortion which are
already very great. -

7 It is desirable that the
period fixed for the payment of the
public revenue should follow not
precede the reaping of the Crop. - If
the revenue is required to be paid before
the Cultivator has obtained any fruit
from which to liquidate the demand
such forestalling of revenue is equivalent
to an extra assessment as compelling
the Cultivator to borrow money, often
at an exorbitant rate of interest. - The
Board under this view of the question
recommend that you should revise
the Kistbundy and fix it for each
village

village or each Talook with reference to the usual period when the different Crops come into the Market for Sale.

9 With reference to the 5th para of your letter, I am directed to observe that the change in the mode of paying the public revenue cannot of itself make any change in the right to possession of the land from the produce of which public revenue is due. If the Teerwa exceeds the value of the Warum heretofore taken, the value of the landed possession may be diminished but not the right to it. The Ryotwar plan of assessment about to be introduced will not (at least it is not intended that it should) in any way

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may interfere with the occupation of
land as heretofore customarily occupied
under a division of the produce. –

9 With reference to the 6th
para of your letter the Board have
been well pleased to learn that the
Poracoodies in the Aumanee Villages
received their Warum of the Crop of
fusly 1227 as soon as each Crop was
beat out. – The Board consider it of
great importance that the share of
all Cultivators where the dues of
Government are receivable in kind
should be issued at as early a period
as practicable. – The detention of the
Cultivators share beyond such period
is not only now illegal but is attended

with great loss from waste, theft and bad weather for which loss Collector would be liable, if the Cultivators should be able to prove and unreasonable detention of their share after they had rendered the dues of Government.—

I am

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

(Signed) A. D. Campbell
Secretary

Fort St. George
26th November 1812

(A true Copy)

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Depy. Secretary

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Form

Puttah given by James Hepburn Esqre. Collector of Tanjour on to Ramapillay Meeraasidar of Sangettavittan Village in the Trivady Talook.-

Clause I Whereas a money rent being fixed upon the Lands of the Village aforesaid, the following is the particulars of the Lands &c held and Cultivated by you in that Village, together with the Amount of rent to be paid by you for each of them

Nanjah

Nunjah

Names of Kuttalas	Extent of Land			Amount of Assessment		
	V	M	L	Rs	A	P
Ramen Kattalay entire	1	2	"	[illegible]5	"	
Pilliar D.o in part	3	10	"	157	8	
Arasady D.o entire	2	8	"	96	"	
Alady D.o in part	2	10	"	73	12	"
Vaimbady D.o D.o	1	5	"	43	12	"
Lutchmanen D.o D.o	2	3	"	69	14	"
Total	12	13	"	515	14	"

Punjah

Names of Fields	Extent of Land			Amount of Assessment		
	V	M	L	Rs	A	P
Alero Tadel Kattalay	1	1	"	15	12	"
Pollatadul D.o	"	5	"	3	8	"
Sambal Tadul D.o	2	10	"	32	8	"
Cooradoor Tadul D.o	2	10	"	25	"	"
Total	6	6	"	76	12	"

Bagayet

	Extent of Land			Amount of Assessment		
	V	M	C	Rs	A	P
Veerencovil Kollay	"	5	"	5	"	"
Pedaury Kollay	"	15	"	13	2	"
Total	1	"	"	18	2	"

Tope as p^r. Particulars of } .... 2 – " – " 38 – 12 – 8

Being in all including Nunjah, Punjah, Bagayet and Tope amounting to Rupees .. .. 649 – 6 – 8 (a – p)

Add amount of Maunium of Pagoda Bramins } 9 – 2 – "

Grand Total 658 – 8 – 8

which you have agreed to pay Annu-ally according to the Kistbundy hereafter mentioned so long as you

continue

continue to hold and cultivate the
same Lands, and the rates of Teerva
as at present fixed, remain un-
changed. In the event of your failing
in the payment of any of your
Kists, you will be liable to the
penalties provided in the Regulati-
-ons.-

II You are further required
to be punctual in paying their
due swatuntrums to the Village
Servants, and artificers, at the
threshing floor from the several
crops, according to the rates prevai-
-ling in your Village a certified
list of these swatuntrums has been
lodged

lodged with the curnam ...

copy is lodged in the Collectors ...

Cutcherry.-

III The Board of Revenue

having sanctioned the rates agreeab...

to a Teerwabundy hereunto annexed

at present fixed on the lands of

your Village, and confirmed them

for seven years, no alteration will

take place in any of them for that

period, unless it shall be discovered

that some gross fraud has been ...

committed in fixing them in which

case, the Board have reserved to ...

themselves through the Collector the

power of altering them in such ...

manner

manner as to them may seem expe-
-dient and this Puttah will then
become void and of no effect, other-
-wise the rates being thus fixed, this
Puttah is to be considered as being
of full effect for the whole period
of seven Years, or from Fusly 1228 to
Fusly 1234 inclusive (unless as above
mentioned on the discovery of some
fraud in fixing the Teerwa) or for
such portion of that time, as you
may continue to hold your present
Lands, on any change taking place
in them a new Puttah will be
issued to you for such Lands as
you may then actually hold.—

Yours

IV Your Kistbundy will be

as follows.–

	Centage	Amount		
		Rs	A	P
November	6	39	8	2
December	10	65	13	8
January	10	65	13	8
February	12	79	"	5
March	15	98	12	6
April	15	98	12	6
May	15	98	12	6
June	12	79	"	5
July	5	32	12	10
Total	100	658	8	8

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Depty Secretary

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